

SENATE RESOLUTION 183

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to designate Nash Lundberg as the official dog of the Tennessee State Senate.

WHEREAS, for the last 226 years, the Senate has been without an official canine mascot, but thankfully those antediluvian times are now over; and

WHEREAS, Nash Lundberg, an English Labrador Retriever, is named in honor of the Capital City, where his master, Senator Jon Lundberg, toils away at the people's business during each session of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Nash was originally a gift to Senator Lundberg from his wife on their twentieth wedding anniversary in 2010; Nash was intended to keep the good Senator company while he was staying in Nashville, which is some 300 miles from his Bristol home; and

WHEREAS, Nash has been a constant presence on Capitol Hill since he was six-weeks-old, and not only has he helped his master keep loneliness at bay, he has garnered a loyal legion of fans from all parts of the sausage-making business; and

WHEREAS, a rock star among minor celebrities, Nash has been recognized in local, state, and national media, including *USA Today*, featured on several television news broadcasts, and dubbed "The Therapy Dog of Tennessee's Capitol Hill" by WJHL News Channel 11; and

WHEREAS, English Labradors are noted for their intelligence and their calm demeanor, which makes them ideal companion dogs; and

WHEREAS, his breeding may have predisposed Nash to popularity, but it is his sparkling personality that has carried the day to make Nash universally loved; and

WHEREAS, members, staff, lobbyists, and visitors often drop by Senator Lundberg's office just to spend time with Nash, and they all benefit from the emotional support he provides, as their anger subsides and their blood pressure returns to normal in his soothing presence; and

WHEREAS, it can be honestly said that for many people the highlight of their visit to the State Capitol is meeting Nash, who turns everyone into a dog lover; and

WHEREAS, Nash has gained even greater celebrity as the official dog of Spay/Neuter Tennessee, but he hasn't let fame change him; he still accompanies Senator Lundberg most of the time, even walking at his master's side in numerous parades; and

WHEREAS, Nash has much in common with the members of the Senate, although he doesn't have fleas or worms, and it is only fitting that he should join this august assembly as its official canine ambassador of goodwill; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we designate Nash Lundberg as the official dog of the Tennessee State Senate and confer upon him all rewards that such title entails, including a nice juicy bone.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be translated into dog language for Nash's approval.